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CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM  
OPERATIONAL MEMORANDUM #11**

**TO:** Child and Adult Care Food Program Institutions

**FROM:** Kyle L. Guerrant, Director *(L.G. 3-4-13)*  
Office of School Support Services

**DATE:** March 4, 2013

**SUBJECT: National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week**

Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has issued a press release announcing National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week, March 17-23, 2013.

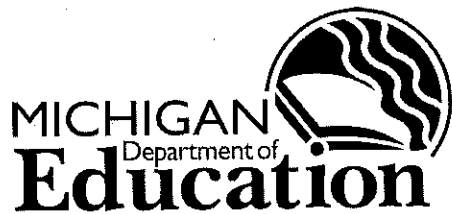
MDE administers the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and will celebrate and promote the CACFP during this week. The celebration is focused on encouraging parents and child care providers to make healthy eating and physical activity decisions for children. The 2013 theme for the National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week is "The CACFP – a WIN WIN WIN for Children, Parents, Providers!" Research shows that proper nutrition in young children contributes to their physical growth, as well as their intellectual and emotional development.

Attachment

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## **National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week March 17-23, 2013**

**March 15, 2013**

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Education, education organizations, and private agencies around the nation will celebrate Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Week from March 17-23, 2013.

The 2013 theme for National CACFP Week, “The CACFP – a WIN WIN WIN for Children, Parents, Providers!” presents an excellent opportunity to emphasize research outcomes that proper nutrition in your children not only contributes to their physical growth, but also their intellectual and emotional development. Through the CACFP, good nutrition pays.

CACFP provides federal funds to nonresidential child care facilities to serve nutritious meals and snacks. The CACFP plays a vital role in improving the quality of child care and making it affordable for many families requiring child care. The goal of the CACFP is to improve and maintain the health and nutritional status of children in care while promoting the development of good eating habits.

Eligible child care facilities include:

- Licensed child care centers
- Head Start Programs
- After-school care programs
- Emergency shelters providing residential and food services to homeless children
- Family child care homes, including relative care providers
- Some private, for-profit child care centers
- Adult Day Service programs – beginning April 1, 2013

More than 162,338 meals and snacks were served daily to children at more than 7,906 sites in Michigan during 2012. The Michigan Department of Education continues to recognize, and takes great care in commending, the men and women who accept and meet the daily opportunity of providing healthy meals to Michigan’s children.

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CACFP has serviced admirably for more than 30 years through advanced practices and nutrition education. CACFP is dedicated to the health and well-being of this nation’s and state’s children

and has been joined through the years by many other excellent child nutrition programs. There is evidence of the continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of child nutrition programs.